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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. --- The Portals TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554 Wayne D. Johnsen 202.719.7303 wjohnsen@wrf.com

AOL Time Warner Inc./ Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other Facilities / GN Docket No. 00-185

Dear Ms. Salas:

Re:

On behalf of AOL Time Warner Inc. ("AOLTW"), submitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules are an original and one copy of this notice regarding a permitted oral ex parte presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. On December 12, 2001, Christopher Bogart, President and CEO of Time Warner Cable Ventures; Marc J. Apfelbaum, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Time Warner Cable; Steven N. Teplitz, Vice President and Associate General Counsel of AOLTW; and the undersigned met with David Sappington, FCC Chief Economist; Royce Sherlock, Sarah Whitesell, Anne Levine, John Kiefer, William Cox, John Berresford, John Norton, John Wong, and Mike Lance of the Cable Services Bureau; Robert Pepper of the Office of Plans and Policy; and Jerome Stanshine and Shanti Gupta of the Office of Engineering and Technology, to discuss issues raised in the above-referenced proceeding.

Specifically, AOLTW discussed its business and technical approaches to providing consumers with a choice of multiple Internet service providers ("MISPs") on Time Warner Cable systems. AOLTW described the tremendous progress it has made since the merger was consummated to move its MISP initiative from concept to testing to commercial reality. AOLTW informed the staff that, today, through partnering arrangements with ISPs, Time Warner Cable is offering consumers a choice of three ISPs in each of its top twenty divisions, representing over seventy percent of all Time Warner Cable subscribers. AOLTW also informed the staff that, pursuant to the terms of its Consent Agreement, twelve additional ISP agreements are awaiting Federal Trade Commission approval. Upon approval of these arrangements, Time Warner Cable will be in a position to offer consumers in its service areas a choice of five national ISPs, as well as local and regional ISPs in most divisions. AOLTW continues to negotiate additional arrangements with other national, local and regional ISPs and is also moving forward with deploying its MISP initiative in its remaining systems.

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AOLTW also described technical issues relating to its MISP initiative. At the request of the staff, AOLTW will shortly be providing more detailed information regarding the technical and operational features of its multiple ISP offerings.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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